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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy for Materiel, OSA

**SUBJECT:** Rough Handling of IRIS II and "H" Camera  
during shipment to Detachment H

**REFERENCE A:** [REDACTED] (IN 58230 dated 15 September 1969)  
**B:** [REDACTED] (IN 59109 dated 26 September 1969)  
**C:** [REDACTED] (dated 1 October 1969)  
**D:** [REDACTED] (IN 59987 dated 8 October 1969)

1. References A and B stated evidence showed IRIS II SN-009 and "H" configuration SN-002, respectively, were roughly handled during shipment of these cameras to Det. H.

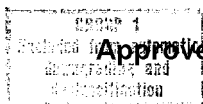
2. Reference D in response to Reference C gives history of shipment to Det. H.

3. There are some disturbing elements in the shipment of the two configurations in question:

A. Both of them were shipped at the same time and actually loaded on the same pallet. Replacement price of these two configurations if lost or damaged beyond repair would have to be approximately [REDACTED] This sum would not include cost of operational readiness testing. Replacement time could be as long as 10 months.

B. The only suggested solution offered in Ref. D, paragraph 2, was to "impress upon all personnel loading and unloading the equipment that it is delicate and must be handled with extreme care". This evidently was not done at the time configurations were loaded nor is there any record that Det. G passed on to Det. H what was observed during the loading process.

4. SSD/R&D recommends future configuration shipments should have the following guidelines:



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A. If possible not to ship two or more configurations in the same aircraft. If this is not feasible, they should be placed and loaded on separate pallets.

B. Our personnel monitoring or present at the loading should make personnel who are responsible for loading and unloading equipment aware that equipment "is delicate and must be handled with extreme care". If cargo is mishandled, our personnel should make recipients of the shipment and D/M/OSA aware of their observations.

5. Although it appears at this time as if no great harm was done as a result of this shipment, we may not be so lucky on future shipments.

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  - 3 - SSD/R&D
  - 4 - RB/OSA
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